

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF IOWA, INC.	DOCKET NO. RPU-99-4
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ORDER CLOSING DOCKET

(Issued July 6, 2000)

On December 29, 1999, the Utilities Board (Board) initiated a review of the operation of Frontier Communications of Iowa, Inc. (Frontier), under its price regulation plan, pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.97(9). The Board identified certain areas of inquiry that were to be addressed by Frontier in its initial testimony.

The Frontier price regulation plan was approved by the Board by its order of December 27, 1995, to be effective for a term of five years. The plan was effective December 31, 1995, for a term of five years. Frontier has the option to renew this plan for an additional five-year term upon written notice to the Board at least 30 days prior to its expiration date. Further, under certain circumstances, Frontier may terminate this plan upon 30 days written notice. The Board expects that Frontier will provide 30 days written notice if the plan is to terminate on its expiration date. According to the terms of the plan, "[T]ermination shall be effective when Frontier proposes and is prepared to operate under a lawful form of regulation." Providing

30 days notice before the plan ends, pursuant to its expiration date, will ensure that Frontier is prepared to operate under a lawful form of regulation.

On April 10, 2000, the Board cancelled the evidentiary hearing in this docket. The direct testimony of Gregory Vitale, filed on behalf of the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate), raised no issues related to service quality, prices, or the overall operation of the price regulation plan of Frontier. Consumer Advocate's testimony did raise the issue of the productivity measure. This is not an issue specific to the Frontier price regulation plan. Frontier has requested that the Board close this review proceeding.

In the April 10, 2000, order, the Board required a response from Consumer Advocate with respect to the request to close this proceeding. Consumer Advocate responded by stating that it did not propose any modification to Frontier's price regulation plan and that this proceeding could be closed. The productivity factor will not be addressed in this docket.

The Board will close this proceeding at this time.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

This proceeding, identified as Docket No. RPU-99-4, is closed.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.
Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 6th day of July, 2000.